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1. SUMMARY. ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION LED BY MAJOR BERHAN BAYEH ARRIVED IN ANTANANARIVO MORNING OF JANUARY 16. BAYEH DELIVER-
ET LETTER FROM MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA AND SPOKE WITH HIM FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING AND IMMEDIATELY, AFTER VISIT OF SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE TO ANTANANARIVO DECEMBER 23 (SEE REFTELS) THERE WAS MUCH SPECULATION THAT SOMALI VISIT MIGHT BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY AN ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION. THIS SPECULATION WAS APPARENTLY JUSTIFIED BY ARRIVAL JANUARY 16 OF DELEGATION LED BY MAJOR BERHAN BAYEH (SPELLING UNCLEAR) IDENTIFIED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE DERG AND MENGISTU'S - QUOTE - RIGHT HAND - END QUOTE. DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDED MENGISTU
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DESTA, ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR IN NAIROBI AND TADESSE GESSESSE, IDENTIFIED AS A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. IN HIS BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT, BAYEH SAID THAT HE WAS CARRYING A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MENGISTU TO PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA AND THAT DURING HIS VISIT HE WOULD

TRY TO EXPLAIN THE STATE OF THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND PROBLEMS WITH WHICH IT IS CONFRONTED, NOTABLY THE ETHIOPIA/SOMALI CONFLICT. HE SAID THAT ALL PROGRESSISTE FORCES MUST UNITE TO RESIST ALL FORMS OF IMPERIALISTIC AGGRESSION.

4. AFTER PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA HAD READ MENGISTU'S LETTER, HE AND ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION HELD FOUR HOURS OF TALKS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

5. REPORTEDLY, ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION WILL LEAVE ANTANANARIVO JANUARY 17. SMITH

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